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Kentucky State University Welcomes Community For Lecture Programs

Kentucky State University faculty members have been eager to share their expertise with the public this fall.

Two programs – the Brown Bag Lectures Series, which was organized by Provost Joel Thierstein, and the Whitney Young School's Liberal Studies Lecture Series – have welcomed the Frankfort community to learn about topics such as nano science and poet E.E. Cummings.

The returning Whitney Young series has four lectures scheduled this semester in Carver Hall, room 115. The final presentation "Re-reading Lysistrata in the Context of the Liberian Civil Wars: Women and Peacemaking in the 21st century" by Dr. Cynthia Shelton will be held at 3 p.m. Nov. 14.

Thierstein says he has already booked faculty to present during the new Brown Bag Lunch Series through the 2012-2013 school year, and he already has presentations on hold for next school year. All lectures are held on Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. in the Hathaway Hall Auditorium.

The series allows faculty to learn from and build links to other disciplines, Thierstein says. Community business leaders, retirees and state legislators are also encouraged to find topics of interest on the schedule.

"We have some exceptional things going on at Kentucky State," he says. "We have this wonderful resource that has gone untapped."



Dr. April Fallon presents "Modernist *Faiteur*: The Influence of Paris on E. E. Cummings" for the Whitney Young Liberal Studies Lecture Series at Carver Hall on Sept. 26.

Tour For Diversity Visits Kentucky State University



The Tour for Diversity in Medicine, which encourages minority students to consider medical professions as careers, visited Kentucky State University on Sept. 26.

The event, held in the Carl M. Hill Student Center Ballroom, was conceived by former medical students. It seeks to bring premedical enrichment activities to underrepresented minority undergraduate students in order to assist in the recognized need for the diversification of the health profession.

During the all-day event, students met with minority medical students and physicians, learned test-taking skills and received other information about what it's like to be a doctor.

KSU Community Invited To Walk A Thorobred Mile – Or Two

A simple addition to the campus this semester in the form of signage and green sidewalk markings was designed for the health and fitness of students, faculty and staff.

The Thorobred Mile starts in front of the Student Center and follows sidewalk paths, passing Bradford Hall, the Betty White Health Center, McCullin Hall, Hume Hall, Jackson Hall, Chandler Hall and the parking lot beside Exum Center.

"It crosses in front of all the major buildings," says Grey Mandeel, a safety and compliance officer in Capital Planning, Construction and Facility Operations.

The sidewalk markings tell walkers how far they've gone in the mile.

KSU President Mary Evans Sias has said she is hopeful the addition will encourage fitness and help keep health care costs down.



THOROBRED NOTES

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD SCIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS

Awarded Proposals

Several faculty and scientists received funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture 1890 Capacity Building Grant for a total of \$1.2 million consisting of teaching, research and integrated projects:

"Integrated Approach for Sustainable Aquaculture and Agriculture with the Use of Reclaimed Water from Rural Communities" Project investigator Dr. Steven Mims and Drs. George Antonious, Rafael Cuevas, Sid Dasgupta, George Antonious, Sid Dasgupta, Rob Durborow and Maifan Silitonga will conduct research in fish production using reclaimed water from decommissioned wastewater treatment plants in Frankfort and Winchester.

"Screening the USDA Capsicum Germplasm Collection for Antioxidants and Heavy Metals Bioaccumulation" Project investigator Dr. George Antonious and Dr. Maifan Silitonga will assess the potential harmful effects of trace elements in hot peppers.

"Kentucky State University Nutritional Sciences Option for the Agriculture, Food and Environment Degree" Project investigator Dr. Kristopher Grimes and Drs. Avinash Tope and Changzheng Wang will develop a Nutritional Sciences option program for the Agriculture, Food and Environment Degree.

"Development of an Apiculture Course Designed to Broaden the Student Experience" Principal investigator Dr. Thomas Webster and Drs. Kirk Pomper and John Sedlacek will develop an online Apiculture class, the first course to be offered by an 1890 institution and the first public institution to include apiculture (the study of bees) in its curriculum.

Community Outreach and Engagement

KSU celebrated its 15th anniversary of its Third Thursday Thing Conference. More than 450 from 12 states attended the conference. The event is designed to educate farmers, extension professionals, leaders, USDA agencies and other organizations on sustainable agriculture.

Awards and Acknowledgments

Undergraduate student Jamal Charles received first place in the Division of Family and Consumer Sciences poster competition at the 2012 Association of Extension Administrators Conference in Memphis, Tenn. He competed with state specialists and other professionals from across the 1890 Land Grant system.

Area agent Marion Gibson was presented a 2012 Champions for Children Award by the board of Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky for her dedication and commitment to children and families of Kentucky.

Dr. Jim Tidwell, professor and chair of the Division of Aquaculture in the College of Agriculture, Food Science and Sustainable Systems, recently had a book published by Wiley-Blackwell. Tidwell authored or co-authored four of the 16 chapters and edited the overall book, titled *Aquaculture Production Systems*.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The KSU Marching Thorobreds, under the direction of Kalomo Bailey, performed at the Indianapolis Colts Home Opener Halftime Show in September.

Dr. Tamara Sluss worked with biology undergraduates and environmental studies graduate students to determine the potential of Kentucky's mined lands for biofuel production from prairie switch grass. The results were presented at July's Esri International User Conference in San Diego, Calif. Esri inspires and enables people to positively impact the future through a deeper, geographic understanding of the changing world around them.